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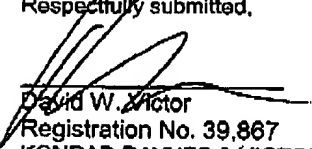
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to a final office action in the above case dated June 15, 2005 ("Final Office Action") in which the Examiner rejected all the claims as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §103) by prior cited art. The attorney for Applicants requested a phone interview to discuss this final rejection, but the Examiner declined. However, the Examiner said he would contact Applicants to discuss the rejection if he continued to have any questions as to the patentability of the claims, as explained by Applicants. Applicants traverse the prior art rejections for the reasons discussed herein and submit that all pending claims 1-4, 6, 16, and 18-34 are in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2.